

## O'SHAUGHNESSY IS MISSED—CARRANZA CRITICISM. S. HORSE

### MENACE BY REBELS WORRIES U. S. HEADS

And May Cause Complete Change in Plan of Campaign.

Americans in Capital in Danger—Truce Violated—Mexicans Uniting.

(By Times Special Wire.)  
Washington, April 22.—A complete change in the plan of military campaign in Mexico may be necessitated by the menacing attitude of the Constitutionalists, and that subject now under discussion by the joint board of the army and navy and the secretaries of the two military departments. It is believed that the Constitutionalists will make a move to enter the city of Mexico, and that the United States Government will be forced to take action to protect its citizens in the capital. The situation is becoming increasingly serious, and it is expected that a complete change in the plan of campaign will be necessary. The United States Government is now in a difficult position, and it is expected that it will be forced to take action to protect its citizens in the capital.



CAPT. JOHN H. GIBBONS, OF THE BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA.

The flag is at half-mast on the battleship Louisiana, in honor of the late Capt. John H. Gibbons, who was one of the late shoe dealers in Hamilton.

### POWERS PLEAD WITH HUERTA

(By Times Special Wire.)  
New York, April 22.—A cable to the Tribune from Rome says: The Pope has sent a cable dispatch to the Apostolic Delegate in Mexico, instructing him to ask President Huerta to yield to the United States, in order to avert further bloodshed. It is understood that similar exhortations have been made to Huerta by several foreign rulers, including at least one King, who offered his services as mediator. The foreign office here has exchanged views on the Mexican situation with the representative of Austria-Hungary, Germany and Great Britain. Italy's attitude does not differ from that of the other powers.



COMMANDER ALBERT P. NIBLACK, BATTLESHIP MICHIGAN.

Robert Hale, complainant in a recent police court case, does not live at 447 Main street west.

### NOT HALF BEING DONE THERE WAS LAST YEAR

Controller Morris Brings Up Matter of the Unemployed

And Has a Sharp Set-To With Mayor, Who Opposes Him.

Mayor Allan and Controller Morris had a breezy and exciting time this morning over the unemployed question. The controller, setting the hall rolling, declared that he had seen an item in a local paper to the effect that the mayor's nerves were being wrecked and that he couldn't sleep and that also the city could not employ more than two hundred men. He felt somewhat surprised and wondered why the mayor did not put more men to work and do away with such unnecessary suffering, when, by lifting his little finger, he could have a thousand men or more in the civic employ.

### EX-CONTROLLER'S TALK AMOUNTED TO NOTHING

Bird Appeared Before Board To-day.

Left Controllers None the Wiser.

In response to the letter of the section, ex-controller Bird walked into the board of control room this morning to tell the mayor and other members of the board that he had been taking a hundred hours or more of the city hall during the last few weeks, the ex-controller departed, leaving the mayor and his conferees mystified as ever. There was absolutely nothing, as far as the controller could see, to the alleged charges. No names were mentioned, and the member declared that he would not say where he had been to him at home by those complaining and the municipal service. No action was taken.

When ex-controller Bird put in an appearance, Mayor Allan said: "Mr. Bird, it appears in the papers a few days ago that you had stated that you had got somebody in jail for having his hands in the city coffers. This is a good action last Tuesday, insuring the secretary to write you asking you to appear before it and would like to know of anything you may know about this line. You will investigate and either produce or clear up this matter."

Today, when Mr. Bird's reply, "I have no more to say," was received, the board of control, which had been sitting since last night, let me say that it is the first time that I have seen a letter of somebody, but that I had heard of somebody who was not acting in the board. I have heard some rumors that there is a certain number of craft going on, but I have taken the trouble to call on the board within the last four or five weeks, and have told me certain things. Whether they are true or not, I cannot say. I am prepared to investigate them, but it would be better for me to have them come here and let me know what they are. I think that any information that I should impart to the investigation committee, I must impart to the board. I might have asked if I was a member of the board, but I am not. I want to show that I will act in a fair and honest manner, and will help all I can to aid the board.

### CITY'S LETTER

What Mayor Will Say to Old Country Editors.

The following is a copy of the letter which Mayor Allan will send to old country papers to prevent immigrants from coming to this city expecting to find any amount of work.

To the Editor:

My attention has been called to an article in one of the leading newspapers in Great Britain stating that in Hamilton, Ontario, the city authorities offer work at \$5 a day to unemployed men to entice them to the city.

Such is not the case. No such wages are paid to any class of laboring men, and it is wrong to misrepresent the people of the old land in this manner.

The city of Hamilton is progressing rapidly, but like most Canadian cities, has little out-of-door work during the winter months.

Laborers coming here depending on outside work should be told to make provision during the summer season to carry them through the winter months, when outside work is necessarily suspended. There is no unusual demand for either artisans or laborers, the supply being fully up to the demand in all branches of industrial and building work.

## PRESIDENT A SWEETS GENERAL CARRANZA

Still No Quarrel With Mexican People—U. S. Is After Huerta.

The Federal Dictator Has Dismissed Charge O'Shaughnessy.

(By Times Special Wire.)

Washington, April 22.—After issuing a statement declaring the intention of the United States to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, and to maintain the dignity of the United States as a nation, President Wilson sent all the energies of the Administration to-day to planning for operations in Mexico. The President's statements, issued at a cabinet conference, in reply to the message received from the Constitutionalists, declared that "we are now dealing only with those whom Huerta commands, and those who come to his support."

From dawn to-day, the warred chiefs of the War and Navy Departments, Secretary of State Bryan, and the other cabinet officials, hurried from conference to conference. At the White House the cabinet officials, with Controller Robert Lansing, of the State Department, aided the President in formulating his reply to Carranza.

At the War Department, Secretary Garrison, General Woodhouse, chief of staff, Major-General Leonard Wood, who has been designated to command the army in its Mexican operations, and General E. W. Weaver, chief of the coast artillery, held several conferences discussing operations.

The situation on the Mexican border was the subject of all the day's conferences.

The President, in his statement of comment on Carranza's note, which had asked the U. S. Government to withdraw from Vera Cruz and recognize the Constitutionalists, fully announced that the course of the Washington Government would be confirmed in the direction of General Huerta and his adherents, but that the United States had no quarrel with the Mexican people as a whole.

Carranza's request for the withdrawal of the American forces from Vera Cruz on the ground that it was a violation of the National Sovereignty of Mexico, and a hostile act to the Mexican nation, gave the President and his cabinet officials, with whom he was in conference, much concern. In consequence, the White House statement was issued to inform General Carranza that the United States could not recognize him or seek reparation from him as he requested, but must deal with the authorities in control of the territory where offenses were committed.

This has been the consistent course of the Washington Government during the present Administration. The fact that Carranza had been heard (Continued on Page 14.)

May Prevent Robson Report From Being Dealt With by the Council To-morrow Afternoon.

A storm of protest from unexpected sources will be heard at the special meeting of the Council to-morrow afternoon to deal with the report of the investigation committee under the chairmanship of Ald. Thom Robson, according to the announcement to-day at the city hall by Ald. Wm. Birrell, chairman of the Board of Works, and also a member of the committee making the inquiry into the present situation of the department. If the statement planned by certain councilors succeeds the Council session to-morrow will last about five minutes, or less. The trouble is all over the failure of Chairman Robson to get the support of all the members of his committee to his move in asking the Mayor for a special Council meeting. Chairman Birrell claimed to-day that the whole affair was put through without the members being acquainted with it, and added that he would demand to know to-morrow, as soon as the meeting came to order, by what right it was called. Others interested in this latest agitation declare that they will move that the whole report be sent back to Ald. Robson's committee, if to prevent some recommendation.

### ORDERED A SBWAY AT KENILWORTH AVE

Will be No Level Crossing There.

Radial Track Flooding Before Board.

The flooding of the Hamilton Radial Electric tracks under the C. P. R. bridge, which, on many occasions, has held up Radial railway traffic, was today a Dominion Railway board to-day, the board decided to order a subway at Kenilworth Avenue for an order directing the corporation of the city to make provision for drainage; and to compensate the company for the damage done.

In summing up the claims of the company, the chairman pointed out that it was based on the contention that the ordinary surface water has not been looked after that the emergency of the storm, which was pouring into the lake of the storm, caused the water to rise, that the construction of Gillison street, accompanied by the filling in of the lake, caused the water to rise.

Five engineers will visit the scene of the trouble this afternoon and report back to the board, the party to be composed of the city, board, C.P.R., G.T.R., and Hamilton Electric engineers.

C. K. Green declared to the board that the flooding trouble had not been in evidence until the filling in of the lake had been completed.

Th. Chairman suggested that the Board had no jurisdiction over a simple engineering matter, and that the G. T. R. and G. H. Levy, who represented the company, declared that the matter had been brought before the board, in the board, in order that a law suit would not be necessary. It was already five or six months ago that the damage was done, if the Board does not grant an order within two months to the courts, declared Mr. Levy.

F. R. Waddell, C. C. disputed the jurisdiction of the board, and suggested that a supplementary order be issued to the company that they take advantage of the raising of the G.T.R. bridge to raise their tracks a foot.

This has been the Hamilton precedent and who always plays a Shakespearean role in a different play each night of the festival.

This year there has been such a Shakespearean revival on this continent that many of the most prominent Shakespearean American actors have been asked to participate in the festival and accordingly the week is being enhanced in value by the appearance of the Stratford-upon-Avon stage of the foremost American actor.

There is no celebration of the event locally, though Hamiltonians are generally well known to the fact that they also are more than ennobled of his work by the manner in which they have attended the Grand Opera House when Shakespearean plays were offered.

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# Hamilton Times Patterns

A Dainty Dress for "TINY TOT."

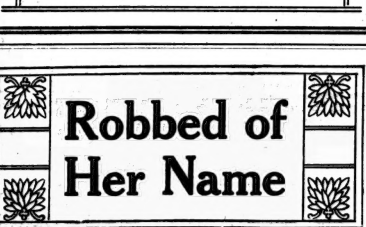
9888—Child's Dress with yoke and long or shorter sleeves. In high or low round collarless style—Lawn, muslin, dimity, crossbar muslin, crepe, voile, silk, percale, cashmere or flannel. It may be used for this design. It has simple lines and may be made and pretty. The finish could be lace or embroidery for a "best" dress, while if made of nainsook, a yoke of "all over" would be nice, with a simple hem. The pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 2, 2 and 4 years. It requires 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material for a 2-year size, with 1 1/2 yards of 4-inch edge for ruffle.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10c in silver or stamps.

To secure pattern, fill out this blank (write plainly), enclose amount and mail to Pattern Department, The Hamilton Times, Hamilton, Ont.

It will take several days before you can get pattern.

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## Robber of Her Name

"No friends—and you a lady?" It is quite true, I have no friends, no place to go to in this great, big city," said Iris, trying to speak cheerfully, as one would to a child. "Do you know London very well, I dare say? Do you know of any place where I could get lodgings?" She put the question as timidly as if herself could have done, and for the moment the poor, crippled boy and the least seemed to have exchanged places. He shook his head.

"Not for such poor as you," said he. "I only know London very well. I live let us walk on. It is a shame to keep you standing so long. Do you live far from here?"

"No," he said; "in the next street."

"Well, then," said Iris, "you must let me carry your violin case home for you."

He offered no remonstrances now, but walked on, his blue eyes bent thoughtfully to the ground.

Presently they entered a small, quiet street, with a "blind" end to it, and he stopped at one of the houses and looked at Iris uncertainly.

"This is where I live, miss," he said, hesitatingly. "It is a poor place."

"It is very quiet," said Iris, with a sigh, for small as it was, it was clean, it looked quiet and respectable, and it seemed in her outcast condition a very heaven of comfort.

"It is good enough," he said, "but it is too small. I mean you could not lodge here. But your pardon, miss, for suggesting it. It is such a poor place."

As he spoke the door opened, and a woman said sharply, but not unkindly:

"Now, Master Paul, your tea's waiting." Then she stopped short at sight of Iris, and looked from one to the other, looking puzzled.

"This lady," said the boy, flushing and stammering, "has come from the country. She went up to the woman and spoke rapidly, and Iris caught the words: "She said to me 'Carried my violin!'"

The woman eyed Iris with all a landlady's keen observation and suspicion, but her shrewd, gray eyes softened after a moment's inspection of the sad, beautiful face, with its unmistakable expression of refinement and coquetry.

"Do you want lodgings, ma'am?"

"Yes," said Iris, simply.

"I've got rooms to let," said the woman, but still doubting you will walk down, ma'am."

Iris followed her inside into a small parlor, the boy limping after them with an eager frown on his face. Iris noticed that though the room was a poorly furnished, it was scrupulously clean.

"Take a seat, ma'am," said the woman.

The woman remained at the door, her eyes wandering anxiously from one to the other.

"I am a stranger in London," said Iris, in her soft, low voice; "have only just come up from the country. Your little friend is quite right; he says that a person has to be patient nowadays."

"I understand," said Iris, sadly, and she took up the bag which had been placed on the table; "I do not blame you. I will go now."

# Complete New Stock of FASHIONABLE MERCHANDISE

## And Many Special Values Women's and Misses' Suits, Values to \$25.00 for \$12.50

Several travellers' sample suits in the season's most favored styles. There is a fine assortment of the new fabrics, including novelty and plain Tweeds, fine French Serges, light Cheviots, Bedford Cords, hair stripes, etc.; shades of Browns, Tan, Alice Blue and Black. The short cutaway coats have the favored long collars, trimmed with Bulgarian embroidery and are lined with various shades of satin. Skirts are plain, pleated and draped, while some have tucks.

**NEW SPRING COATS**—The smart loose-fitting affairs that have taken New York by storm, beautifully tailored in new wide waist Sarges, Shepherds, Wide Bed Cords, Moiry, Poplins, Whipcords, etc.; latest shades of Dutch Blue, Tan, Fawn, Alice Blue, Mauve, Grey, Cerise and Black; short Sports Coats, draped and cutaway styles.

Modestly priced at \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00 and up to \$35.00.

## PRINTS 15c Values for 7 1/2c Yd. at 8.30 To-morrow

Two splendid lots of mill ends from English and domestic mills. Useful lengths up to 4 yards of pretty patterns, in light dark colors, regular 12 1/2 and 15c values. **Run Sale at 8.30 Friday**

per yard ..... **7c**

## All Nice, New Snappy Dress Goods and Suitings

New Black and White Shepherd Checks, Grey and White Novelty Cloths, All Wool Poplins, etc., colors, Mahogany, King's Blue, Garnet, Navy, Tan, Grey, Dark Green, etc.; all this season's deliveries; very moderately priced at, per yard ..... **50c**

## EXCLUSIVE NOVELTIES—Elegant Silk and Wool fabrics just arrived from Paris and London.

Cream, Tan, Copenhagen, Purple, Zenith Blue, Navy, Madras Blue, etc.; really most unusual values at ..... **70c** yard.

# NOTES FOR WOMEN

## Herald Man Vigorously Favors Such As Do Most of the East-End Progressives.

"Votes for women," the far-famed catchphrase cry, was the subject of a very interesting debate held by the East End Progressive Society last evening, F. Speed Parlington, of the Herald newspaper, spoke, favoring votes for the ladies, and E. H. Gilver spoke against the granting of a franchise to the opposite sex. The latter contended weakly that a woman's right sphere was in the kitchen, in fact, he thought it would lower of the woman to mix in the wild whirl of an "emancipated" life.

F. Speed Parlington, in reply, stated that Gilver was evidently thinking of himself when he said women ought to be at home. "My opponent stated Parlington, 'evidently is thinking of the food he would get if he cooked it himself while his wife is away electorizing.' But it is the woman whom I look to in time to come to clean our politics and raise to a higher standard the position of our public bodies."

The President, W. Kinch, and Messrs. Hall and Wilton also spoke in favor of the ladies. In support of Mr. Gilver, Messrs. Thornehill, O'Brien and Byers spoke against the ladies voting. A motion was then put for the society to record as being in favor of the ladies, but an amendment was carried to the effect that the society would not vote on the subject at all.

It was decided to hold a concert on May 15th, in Parnam Hall. The band was to be organized and Mr. Gilver, late of the Manchester College of Music, will assume the leadership. The concert will be one of the best the society has put on in some time, and the ladies are being solicited for the occasion.

# NORTHFIELD CENTRE

The league was reorganized on Thursday evening last, C. C. Gardner, junior pastor, being re-elected president. Miss Alice Elhel and first vice-president; Miss Alice Elhel, second vice-president; Miss Maud Givens, secretary; Mr. Alfred Hanson, treasurer; Mr. John A. Phillips, Bradford, secretary; Miss Laura Hemmingsway, fourth vice-president; Miss Alice Elhel, secretary; and Miss Maud Givens, secretary.

Mr. John A. Phillips, Bradford, spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young has been elected superintendent of the Sunday school for the coming year, on Mr. Seth Caldwell.

Miss Nellie Shellington has been spending a few days with relatives at Fairfield Plains, on Friday.

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## POWERS HEAR FROM HUERTA

Mexico is Fighting Against "Yankee Outrage"

### AT VERA CRUZ

Entire City in Hands of U. S. Forces

MEXICO CITY, April 22.—General Huerta has instructed all the foreign consuls to notify their Governments that "We are fighting at Vera Cruz against the attempt to land American troops." The Cabinet decided to-night to promulgate a general amnesty, so that all Mexicans may unite in the defence of their country.

General Huerta has given out the following statement to the press: "Mexico is defending not only her national sovereignty, but that of all Latin-America as well. This is not a war between the Mexican and American peoples, but between Mexico and the Government of the United States, which is controlled by men who have forced the situation upon us, in spite of our efforts to the contrary. We shall have 40,000 men in the field in twenty days."

General Huerta also assured Charles O'Shaughnessy personally, and in the friendly tone, that he and all Americans here would be defended against all attack.

General Huerta also makes the following declaration in El Imparcial: "In the port of Vera Cruz we are maintaining with arms the national honor against the outrage which the Yankee Government is committing against a free people, as is, and always will be, that of this republic. This action will pass on to history, which will put Mexico and the Government of the United States each in the place where it belongs."

(Signed) "Huerta." The Mexican Herald publishes an editorial in support of the Americans in Mexico City and conveying to them General Huerta's assurance of safety. "El Imparcial" publishes an official declaration of the Government against all Mexicans to gather around it, but, at the same time, "Don't forget that the foreigners are siding among us now and for some time past are not responsible for the situation created between Mexico and the United States, and consequently should be respected."

"During the French intervention in 1914 the Mexican people gave evidence of good judgment by not attacking the Frenchmen who were not connected with the international struggle. The Government of Mexico expects the people to show equally good sense now."

VERA CRUZ IN U. S. HANDS.  
Vera Cruz, April 22.—Six American

killed and about thirty wounded, marked the complete invasion of the city at noon to-day. The American forces, under the command of Rear-Admiral Badger, who is now in command of the operations, have brought the flag into the harbor on the Minnesota.

After the general advance began this morning Mexican ships on the roofs of the city buildings. There was one brief action, the guns of the Prairie and Chester assisting in silencing a heavy fire from the Naval College, shells from the Prairie finally shattering the walls.

The number of Mexicans killed yesterday is estimated at 150, with many wounded. The Mexican loss to-day is not known. An indication of this is found in the fact that the flagship has been damaged.

The British bluejackets crowded the bows and vociferously cheered the American marines as they proceeded ashore for the landing.

The flags on the Essex and Portress San Juan de los Rios were half-masted when the dead were carried to the boats.

Rear-Admiral Badger has not yet decided whether to proceed to Tampico, and it is believed his departure will be delayed. An indication of this is found in the fact that the flagship has been damaged.

Major Smedley D. Butler, with marines from the Prairie, made a sortie up the railway for a considerable distance this afternoon.

A HOT FIGHT.  
Rear-Admiral Fletcher at 5.30 o'clock in the morning ordered a general movement for the occupation of all the town. A column of bluejackets advanced and passed the waterworks when they had reached the walls of the college a terrific rifle fire was poured in all directions from the roof and the windows. The bluejackets were helped to return the fire by the use of stone walls, and scattered.

The Prairie, Chester and San Francisco opened with their five and six-inch guns and shattered the walls. The bluejackets reformed and advanced against the fire, which had diminished greatly.

By 10 o'clock there was only demure firing from the houses side of the town. The number of foreign refugees on board the Esmeralda was increased to-day, when several people, mostly Americans, took advantage of the lull in the fighting during the early hours to go on board that vessel.

Rear-Admiral Fletcher sent to the local officials, calling on them to co-operate with the American officers in the restoration of order by calling off snipers and by refusing the local government, could not be delivered.

Julio Franco, the Mexican chosen by American Consul Canada to be the bearer of the warning, was unable to undertake the task. When Franco tried to communicate with the Mayor he was refused admission by Mexican guards stationed at the door. Franco then crawled over the roof of an adjoining building into the court of the Diaz residence, but he did not succeed in seeing the Mayor.

# FINCH BROS.

## FURNITURE, CARPETS, CURTAINS, AN FURNITURE COVERINGS

**TOMORROW morning we begin to clear out every article in any way affected by fire, water or smoke. The damaged goods consist of White Enamel Beds, Kitchen Cabinets, Buffets, Extension Tables, Chairs, Dressers, Carpets, Rugs, Curtains and Furniture Coverings. Japanese Grass Chairs, Rockers and Settees. Parlor Rockers and Parlor Suites. China Cabinets, Etc.**

<b>250 White Enamel Beds</b>	<b>50 White Enamel Children's Cribs</b>	<b>Japanese Grass Rockers, Chairs</b>
Varying in price from \$3.50 to \$15.00, selling while they last from 25c to \$2.00	All One Price \$2.00 EACH	Tables, Settees, Baskets, Etc., Clearing at Half Price

## Carpets and Rugs

Every Carpet and Rug affected by smoke has been set aside and marked at special sale prices. Axminster, Brussels and Tapestry Carpets. Axminster, Wilton, Brussels, Velvet, Tapestry and Wool Rugs.

## Curtains and Draperies

Curtains in pairs, and goods by the yard, all the very newest importations of this Spring went through the siege of smoke. This misfortune is your benefit, however, and they will all move quickly at the sale prices.

**These Special Prices Are For Cash Only and Customers Must Take Delivery of Their Purchases of Furniture at Once**

# A. M. SOUTER & CO.

Corner King and Park Streets

## NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

**Austrian Emperor Has Recovered His Health.**

**A STRONGER X-RAY**

**His Followers Make Presentation to Whitney.**

Navigation is opened at Saint Ste. Marie.

Frank Noyes, of Washington, was again elected president of the Associated Press.

Berlin, Oct. Library Board will have to be satisfied with \$10,000 instead of \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie.

Banker hotelmen loaned money to Paul Morand, House Inspector. The latter's resignation was demanded.

General Carranza created a sensation in Washington by protesting against the action of the United States at Vera Cruz.

The Conservatives again failed in the British House of Commons to get from Premier Asquith consent for a probe of the army plot story.

Daniel George, undertaker, and one of the oldest residents of Alvinston, Ont., committed suicide with a needle.

cal scapel. For the past two weeks he had been in very poor health.

The condition of Emperor Francis Joseph has improved to such an extent that the attending physicians consider all danger past.

The funeral of Sir William Whyte was held in Winnipeg, and though of public nature, was carried out with a quiet simplicity.

Belgian suffragettes tried to burn Anandale Hall, a large, unoccupied mansion. The firemen extinguished the blaze with little difficulty.

The crushed body of George Powell, a miner at the Dome Mine, South Porcupine, Ont., was found at the bottom of the 180-foot shaft at the Dome Lake Mine.

A branch of the Imperial Home Reunion League was formed in London, a credit fund of \$10,000 being established at the bank by a hundred citizens.

Mayor Carter, of Guelph, was petitioned by several hundred citizens of both political parties to be a candidate against the Government in the coming political election.

Premier Borden introduced a motion for memorial sittings of the Commons, but withdrew it on Sir Whitby Law's protest of need of more careful consideration of C. N. R. legislation.

Fred Dean, of Toronto, who last week resigned his position as chairman of the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, has been appointed Canadian trade commissioner at Glasgow at a salary of \$2,000 per year.

James Leitch, an elderly man, an employee of the Durham Furniture Company, Rock Mills, four miles from Fleisherton, shot himself this morning with a shotgun, expiring immediately. He was alone in a stable at the

time, and the tragedy points to suicide.

Corner Bibby of this place is investigating.

A deputation representing the Conservative members of the Legislature waited upon Sir James Whitney and presented him with a purse of \$3,000 as evidence of their affection and sympathy for him in his recent illness.

At an adjourned meeting of the St. Catharines License Commissioners, all the licenses of last year, 10 in number, were renewed. The application for a transfer of the license of the Mansion House to Devlin and Howe was refused.

The Wright block, on Main street, Haliburton, the temporary quarters of the judicial offices of the district of Timiskaming caught fire, causing a loss of several thousand dollars, and the building is badly gutted.

Dr. Dousauer, of Berlin, Germany, announces the completion of a series of successful experiments at Frankfurt-on-the-Main. He asserts that by a method which he has devised, X-rays are to be made ten times more penetrating than ordinary rays, and almost as effective as radium in the treatment of disease.

**WILL NOT TAX**  
(By Times Special Wire.)

Vancouver, B.C., April 23.—The city council has decided that the tax rate for the current year shall be 22 mills, an increase of two mills, as compared with last year. A motion passed unanimously exempting improvements from taxation, though it was strongly advocated that improvements should be taxed to the extent of 25 per cent.

Blodds—I just saw Mrs. Dauchway. She was dressed to kill. Blodds—Yes, she cut me dead.

## GEORGE, HE KNEW

About Over-Payment to N. T. R. Contractor.

But Kicked In on Liberal "Waste."

Ottawa, April 22.—While Mr. Lynch-Stanton was incorporating in his report on the National Transcontinental Railway the charge that the Liberal Government had allowed a "waste" of some \$600,000 in over-payments to contractors for over-break, he knew at the same time that under the present Government at least \$150,000 more had been allowed to Contractor J. D. McArthur for over-break than the Liberal Government was prepared to allow.

That was one of the main points brought out before the Commons Public Accounts Committee this morning in concluding the investigation instigated by the Liberals into the payments to Contractor McArthur for over-break.

Chief Engineer Gordon Grant, of the National Transcontinental Commission, who was on the stand this morning, stated that the settlement effected with Mr. McArthur, whereby the latter had been allowed the extra \$250,000, contrary to the report of the Board of Arbitrators appointed under the late Government, had been effected

conceded with Mr. Lynch-Stanton as well as with Major Leonard and Hon. Frank Cochrane.

Major Leonard, said Mr. Grant, had been quite agreeable to the settlement, and presumably Mr. Lynch-Stanton, who was at that time acting as adviser counsel for the N. T. R. Commission, had also endorsed the settlement.

Yet in spite of this, the Guelph-Stanton report deliberately charged that the late Government had paid the contractor a total of \$600,000 too much on account of over-break.

Mr. Grant, who was examined by Mr. W. H. Gorman, M. P., said this morning that Mr. McArthur had objected to the award of the Board of Arbitrators deducting \$111,000 from the amount claimed by him for over-break. Mr. McArthur was willing to accept a deduction of \$150,000.

Mr. Grant said that after going into the matter with the district engineers, with Major Leonard, with Mr. Lynch-Stanton, and with Hon. Frank Cochrane, he had concluded that \$150,000 was a fair and reasonable amount to deduct. Mr. Grant declared that, all things being considered, he did not think Mr. McArthur had received a dollar that he did not earn.

The committee decided to report the evidence to the House. This is the significant result of the first opportunity of the Liberals to investigate what has been done by the present Government in carrying on the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway. It may be noted that at the last meeting of the committee Major Leonard testified that the investigating commissioners were not supposed to do any investigating into what had been done after the present Government assumed office, notwithstanding the fact that the instructions to the commissioners were for a complete investigation, with no time limit specified.

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